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Re: Inventor: Kazuo SUGIMOTO, et al.
Serial No: 10/787,182
Filed: February 27, 2004
For: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS, IMAGE ENCODING METHOD,
IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM, IMAGE DECODING
APPARATUS, IMAGE DECODING METHOD AND IMAGE
DECODING PROGRAM

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Filing of Declaration/Declaration
Notice to File Missing Parts
Request for Priority

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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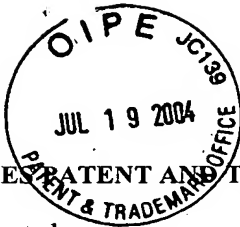
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Responsive to the notification dated May 17, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the following information:

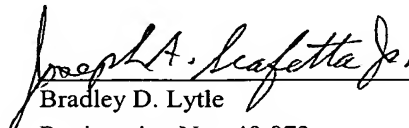
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thereby adequately identifying the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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